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Gerold and in Figs. 2 and 3 of Driggers, an auxiliary handle is mounted for pivotal movement in the direction of a drive shaft. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have provided Gerold's and Driggers' inventions as modified by Lepold by having an actuator mounted for pivotal movement in the direction of the drive shaft, as described above in paragraph 7, since the actuator is integrated mounted on the auxiliary handle.

Regarding claims 6 and 7, Gerold as modified by Driggers does not disclose a first plate fixed to the auxiliary handle having counter toothing and a second plate having toothing and fixed against a spring. However, Lepold teaches a first plate "80" fixed to the auxiliary handle having counter toothing "96" and a second plate "60" having toothing and fixed against a spring (see Fig. 7) for the purpose of engaging in a fitting manner the first plate with the second plate via the toothings. In view of Lepold, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have provided Gerold's inventions as modified by Driggers and further as modified by Lepold by having a first plate "80" fixed to the auxiliary handle having counter toothing "96" and a second plate "60" having toothing (see Fig. 7) in order to engage in a fitting manner the first plate with the second plate via the toothings, thereby providing a securing feature allowing to lock and unlock the auxiliary handle to the locking ring.

### ***Conclusion***

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Chen'090, Driggers'548, Gantner'870, Neubert'483, and Gustafsson'831 are cited to show related inventions.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michelle Lopez whose telephone number is 703-305-8205. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm.

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